(b) whether it is also a fact that inspite of these provisions, obscene films and their publicity posters are being openly exhibited throughout the country;

(c) whether the reasons for such exhibition is total disregard of these provisions or weakness in enforcement of these provisions; and

(d) if so, the fact thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (d) Obscenity is an offence under the Indian Penal Code and other Central/State Acts. However, films intended for exhibition are required to be certified by the Central Board of Film Certification in accordance with the provisions of the Cinematograph Act, 1952 and the guidelines issued thereunder. According to these guidelines, the Board shall *inter alia* ensure that human sensibilities are not offended by obscenity, vulgarity and depravity. Thus only films certified by the Board are shown to the public.

However, there are reports that certified films are not shown in the form in which they are certified, that is, films are shown with interpolations. It may be mentioned here that the responsibility for enforcing the penal provisions of the Cinematograph Act, 1952 rests with the State Governments add Union Territory Administrations. They have been requested, time and again, to see that the legal provisions are strictly enforced by the local authorities.

As for film posters, again, it is for the local authorities of State Gvernments/ Union Territory Administrations to take action under the common law of the land relating to obscenity, *i.e.*, Indian Penal Code. The State Governments and Union Territory Administrations have been requested to take appropriate action, in this regard also.

State Government share in Regional Rural Banks

2218. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Governments have not yet contributed their share of equity to the selected Regional Rural Banks; and

(b) the steps taken to ensure such participation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBI PROSAD PAL): (a) and (b) Some State Governments have already released their share of 15% to the Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) in their State Out of 49 RRBs to whom additional equity have been decided to be given for the purpose of comprehensive restructuring including the cleansing of their balance sheets. Government of India is in correspondence with the State Governments in this regard.

नौएडा, वृहत्तर नौएडा और दादरी के लिए विद्युत की व्यवस्था

2219. **श्री राजनाथ सिंह:** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र विद्युत-योजना ने नौएडा वृहत्तर नौएडा और दादरी (उत्तर प्रदेश) के लिये विद्युत की व्यवस्था करने संबंधी किसी प्रस्ताव पर विचार किया जा रहा है;

(ख) क्या इस संबंध में राष्ट्रीय ताप विद्युत निगम और उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य बिजली बोर्ड के बीच कोई बातचीत हुई है, यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) सरकार इन क्षेत्रों से चहुंमुखी विकास हेतु इन्हें अतिरिक्त विद्युत प्रदान करने के लिये कब तक कार्यवाही करेगी?

विद्युत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती उर्मिला बेन चिमनभाई पटेल): (क) से (ग) एन टी पी सी दादरी (840 मे० वा०) केन्द्र से विद्युत उत्तर ग्रिड को प्रदान की जाती है। उत्तर प्रदेश का इस विद्युत केन्द्र में 10% उत्पादन का हिस्सा है। विभिन्न जिलों/क्षेत्रों को विद्युत की आपूर्ति तथा वितरण करना राज्य